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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

MEASURES AGAINST THE IMPORTATION OF CHOLERA.

On account of the increasing spread of cholera throughout the Russian Empire and the report of its appearance in Germany and in Italy, a request was made through departmental channels on September 2, 1910, that the consular officers at the ports of Marseille, Havre, and Cherbourg, in France, and the Italian ports of Genoa, Palermo, and Messina, be instructed to detain steerage passengers from all parts of Russia and disinfect their baggage prior to embarkation to the United States; therefore, at the present time steerage passengers from all parts of Russia are being detained for five days and their baggage disinfected prior to their embarkation at all the foreign ports at which steerage passengers from Russia embark.

Surgeon Henry R. Carter has been detailed to visit the several ports of Hamburg and Bremen in Germany, Cherbourg and Havre in France, Antwerp in Belgium, and Rotterdam in Holland, for the purpose of consulting with the United States consuls at those ports regarding the enforcement of the Treasury Regulations on outgoing vessels, passengers, and crews, bound for United States ports, when said vessels carry passengers or cargo from any port or place in Europe infected with Asiatic cholera.

Surgeon H. D. Geddings and Passed Assistant Surgeon W. W. King, at Naples, have been directed to visit the Italian ports, and Assistant Surgeon-General W. J. Pettus, now on leave in England, has been directed to make inspections at the English ports with the same object in view.

These officers will make frequent reports to the Bureau containing information concerning the cholera situation in Europe.

A medical officer from the Bureau has been detailed during the past week to visit New York and Boston for the purpose of consulting with the quarantine officers at those ports regarding any special measures to be taken against the introduction of cholera into this country. In addition to this special instructions concerning the examination of vessels either from ports actually or supposedly infected with cholera, or of vessels carrying passengers from Russia or other districts infected with cholera, have been issued to the various quarantine officers of the service.

BRAZIL.

PARA—Smallpox and Yellow Fever.

Consul Pickering reports, August 13 and 20:

During the week ended August 13, 5 cases of smallpox with 2 deaths and 5 cases of yellow fever with 3 deaths were reported. The smallpox cases, with 2 exceptions, were imported from south Brazil. They